The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The Nilgiri District Board differs in many respects from other boards. Evidently, the hon. Member is not aware of it."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Even then, it need not be so different as to avoid giving a chance to non-officials to get familiar with works. As regards question (*f*), what is the answer, Sir? I find here only some dots?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The Government do not propose to take any action."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" I see; I shall hereafter understand it so?"

Issue of licences to buses by district board presidents.

*1910 *Q*.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued a Government Order that a district board president cannot refuse licences to buses that propose to run on the roads in his district; and if not, what the Government orders are;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Special Officer, Kistna District Board, has refused to renew the licences to some buses for 1929–30, though the said buses were running during the current official year under district board licences;

(*c*) whether complaints have been made to Government that this refusal of renewal of licences is causing enormous loss to the owners of these buses who have purchased them only last year; and what orders have been passed thereon; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to issue orders to the Special Officer, Kistna District Board, to renew licences to all persons who had such licences during the current year?

A.—(*a*) A copy of G.O. No. 1194, L. & M., dated 30th March 1927 [a], is laid on the table.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) & (*d*) No.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether it has come to the knowledge of Government that several District Board Presidents are not acting in accordance with the Government Order referred to in (*a*) of the answer?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am not aware of any such omission."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" Will the hon. Minister please make an enquiry into this matter and see if any steps are necessary to amend the Local Boards Act in this respect?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The new Local Boards Act is going to contain a provision with regard to it."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" Will he be pleased to call for information on the point raised in clause (*b*)?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I do not think any purpose will be served by calling for the information."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 912 infra.

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Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know whether a new Local Boards Act is coming into being at all?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The question does not arise."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I know whether the Government will see that the Government Order is acted upon by all the Presidents of District Boards when licences are issued?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The Government Orders are supposed to be observed by all presidents."

Nomination of an Adi-Andhra to the Kistna District Board.

*1911 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Special Officer, Kistna District Board, has omitted to nominate even one Adi-Andhra (member for Hindu depressed classes) for the Gudivada Taluk Board in the recent nominations;

(b) how many members of the Hindu depressed classes (Adi-Andhras) have been nominated recently by the Special Officer, Kistna District Board, to each of the taluk boards of Nandigama, Kaikalur, Masulipatam, Nuzvid and Bezwada; and

(c) whether the Government have made it obligatory that at least one member of the Hindu depressed classes should be nominated to every local body except where representation is secured for them in election and if not, why not?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information.

(c) No. Section 9 (5) of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, only lays down that the appointing authority shall have due regard to the representation of Muhammadans of the depressed and backward classes and of other minorities.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I know whether a member of the depressed classes is not necessarily to be on every taluk board?"

The hon. Dr P. SUBBARAYAN :—"There is no compulsion on the part of the District Board with regard to nominations to taluk boards."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I know whether the nomination of a member of the depressed classes on the taluk board will not help to remove untouchability in that area?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I believe it does; but my experience in many of the taluk boards has been that most of the high class people like to seat the Adi-Dravidas away from the seats they are sitting on."

Excise

Alleged resignation of the member representing Mannargudi Municipal Council from the Excise Licensing Board.

*1912 Q.—Mr. K. S. SIVASUBRAHMANYA AYYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the member representing the Municipal Council, Mannargudi, in the Excise Licensing Board has resigned;

(b) if so, for what reasons; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there is no representative of the Municipal Council in the Licensing Board now?